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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Craig Fuller

Chief of Staff

Office of the Vice President

SUBJECT:

NNBIS Intelligence Evaluation Report

- 1. The attached report is in response to your 11 September 1987 request to assess the NNBIS intelligence function, particularly as it relates to national foreign intelligence support. A team composed of representatives from CIA, NSA, DIA, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense visited your NNBIS Washington and regional offices to analyze current operations, identify gaps appropriate for national foreign intelligence actions, and determine means to accomplish such support. The report reflects the team's efforts.
- 2. We have concluded that NNBIS does have an honest broker role for coordinating the use of information to meet unique regional threats and joint interdiction efforts. This role should be exercised in developing a systematic approach to sharing and using information collected by the involved law enforcement organizations. NNBIS offers the neutral ground to effectively do this locally.
- 3. In this brokering role, we further believe that NNBIS should provide the basis for developing joint threat assessments for the regions. Presently, the assessments reflect the mission biases of the participating agencies. This inhibits the preparation of coordinated requirements on which to establish information collection, processing, and dissemination strategies.
- 4. It was also noted that misunderstandings exist concerning the organization and function of the National Foreign Intelligence Community, and its potential and limitations for supporting drug enforcement. Education and training programs developed jointly as a Community effort should help correct this problem.
- 5. In some regions, Community support will require full-time representation. In others, tailored support and visits will meet the needs. Further work is necessary to fully define this support.

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6. We believe close working relationships must be instituted to achieve the necessary support. Accordingly, you will receive a fully coordinated Intelligence Community response to NNBIS needs. We will work to undertake actions which promise near-term improvements while planning long-term solutions. The attached report should provide a major step in initiating these efforts.

Edward J/Heinz Lieutenant General, (ISA)

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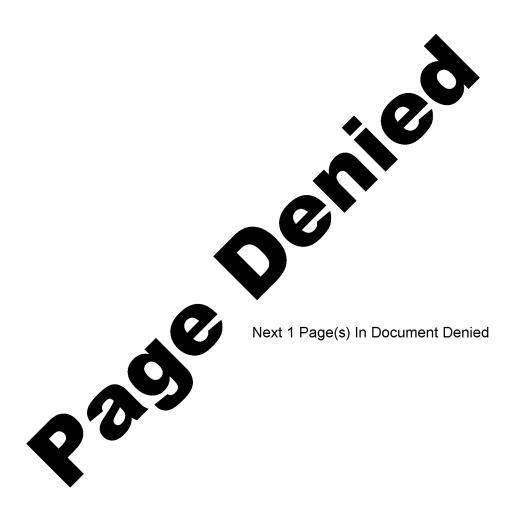
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